

## TERRITORIAL SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION <sup>[1758]</sup>

### ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, 1877-1886

2 reels of microfilm

**DESCRIPTION:** These papers consist of correspondence and reports regarding the administration of schools in the various counties of Utah Territory. Most of these records were created during the administration of L. John Nuttall as territorial superintendent, 1881-1886. A few reports date to the administration of his predecessor, John Taylor.

The correspondence includes letters from county school superintendents and government officials. There are also letters from Karl G. Maeser, principal of Brigham Young Academy (precursor to Brigham Young University) pertaining to the academy's normal, or teacher education, department.

The auditor's reports contain figures for the amount of school tax arising from assessed property in each county, along with the amount allowed to assessors and collectors, remittance, and the net amount standing to the credit of the schools.

The report forms are blank masters created by the territorial superintendent for the county superintendent, teachers, and trustees to complete. Completed versions of these appear later on the reels as census reports, financial reports, and statistical reports.

The biennial report of the superintendent is the most comprehensive document in the series. The Territorial Superintendent was responsible for keeping a record of the condition of district schools throughout the territory. He in turn reported to the territorial legislature. Part of his report was to include a compilation of the reports he received from each county superintendent. The report includes general impressions from his visits to schools; statistics on the numbers of districts, teachers, pupils, finances, etc.; papers outlining the desired qualifications for teachers, trustees, and superintendents; papers on the development of

teacher institutes; lists of officials and districts in the territory; and descriptions of individual schools and their curricula, including the University of Deseret.

The remaining forms consist of various statistical compilations relating to school populations and finances. The school fund allotments show the appropriations made per district in each county. The census reports show the number of boys enrolled, number of girls enrolled, total, and increase or decrease in enrollment for each district in each county. Financial reports show the receipts from district and territorial taxes, contributions, tuition, etc. and the disbursements to buildings, furnishings, salaries, etc. The statistical reports for each county show the number of districts, number of schools, numbers of male and female teachers, numbers of school age boys and girls in the county, numbers of boys and girls enrolled, average daily attendance, amounts paid male and female teachers, number days school taught in year, and the value of school property.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Papers are arranged by type of document, then chronologically.

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**PROCESSING NOTE:** Series description compiled by A.C. Cone of the State Archives, 1989.

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